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SUBJ: EFFECT OF ANTI-LIN PIAO, ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN ON PRC
COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES --- SOURCE FOR VOA REPORT

REF: A. PEKING 287 B. HK 1835

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED REFTEL FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT A FEBRUARY 18 VOA REPORT THAT FOREIGN BUSINESS-
MEN AND OTHERS ARE BEING REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER
CHINA, HK CORRESPONDENT JOHN SCHULZ HAS PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING LIST OF SOURCES ON WHICH HE BASED HIS REPORT.

A. PRESS REPORTS FROM WESTERN JOURNALISTS STATIONED
IN PEKING.

B. THREE DELEGATIONS WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROMISED
ENTRY AND HAD BEEN EITHER INVITED IN OR TOLD "SOON"
HAVE NOW BEEN TOLD "NO". THESE INCLUDE AN AUSTRALIAN
LEATHER MERCHANT WHO MAKES "FREQUENT VISITS", A LOCAL
AMERICAN WOMEN'S CLUB, AND A NEW ZEALAND MUSEUM EXPERT.
SOURCED FROM UPI AND NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENTS PLUS
FOLLOW-UP ON ALL BUT MUSEUM EXPERT.

C. ONE GROUP OF CHINESE BUSINESSMEN RETURNING HONG

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KONG HAD PLANNED TOURIST STYLE VISIT AT END OF BUSINESS

TRIP BUT HAD TRIP CURTAILED BY TWO DAYS LAST WEEK. HAD PLANNED A WUHAN VISIT FOR ONE, SHANGHAI FOR ANOTHER. D. OVERSEAS CHINESE COUPLE VISITING RELATIVES IN WUHAN LAST WEEK CAME TO HONG KONG ONE WEEK EARLY. SOURCED WITH BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT. E. THREE HONG KONG BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN DELAYED OR FLATLY TURNED DOWN AFTER HAVING TENTATIVE ENTRY APPROVAL. SOURCES ON THIS ARE MEMBERS OF FCC INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS THEMSELVES. F. INCIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN GROUP AND THEIR ADVENTURES WITH FIRECRACKERS OR WHATEVER IN WUHAN ARE WILL KNOWN AND WELL CIRCULATED ITEMS IN NEWS CIRCLES HERE.

2. IN TRANSMITTING HIS STORY TO VOA, SCHULZ POINTED OUT IN A COVERING MESSAGE THAT THE REPORT WAS HEAVILY SOURCED AND ATTRIBUTED. IT WAS ALSO WRITTEN TO AVOID ANY STATEMENTS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS SPECULATION BY VOA. THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION IN HONG KONG ABOUT EVENTS IN CHINA AND SCHULZ TRIED TO CONVEY THIS IN HIS REPORT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SHCULZ' REPORT RELATES ONLY TO TRAVEL AND DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH REFTELS' CONCLUSION THAT THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN DOES NOT NOT SEEM TO HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON CHINA'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
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